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43rd Annual Conference on Bioassay, Analytical and Environmental Radiochemistry

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

Dates: Sunday Nov 9 - Thursday Nov 13, 1997

Place: Francis Marion Hotel

387 King Street

Charleston, SC 29403

Phone : 803-722-0660

The 43rd Annual Conference on Bioassay, Analytical and Environmental Radiochemistry will take place in the heart of the historic district of Charleston, SC at the Francis Marion Hotel. The annual conference is a vehicle for chemists, physicists, and dosimetrists to gain insight, share experience, and develop solutions to problems in a very informal setting. The sponsors for the 43rd annual conference will be Environmental Physics, Inc., Westinghouse Savannah River Company, Florida State University, Eichrom Industries, and The College of Charleston.

The Conference Committee this year is making a concerted effort to plan the programs as far ahead as possible to enhance the coordination and overall quality of the meeting. We would like to solicit your help to accomplish this goal by filling in and faxing or mailing the enclosed expression of interest form. The earlier we have your input concerning workshops or presentations, the better job we can do in fitting in your paper into the overall schedule.

HOTEL

Recently renovated, the Francis Marion is one of Charleston's most elegant hotels. Listed in the National Register of Historic Places, the Francis Marion has provided a magnificent setting for special occasions and important meetings for over 70 years. Located in the heart of the historic district, the Francis Marion Hotel is within easy walking distance of Charleston's wonderful restaurants, galleries, King Street shopping, and many historic attractions.

The hotel has reserved a block of rooms for conference attendees at \$92.00 plus tax. This rate will be good from November 6 through November 16. The block of rooms

will be held only through October 8, 1997, so make your reservations early (Tel: 803-722-0660). For those requiring government per diem rates, a limited number of rooms have been reserved at a hotel outside of the downtown area that is accessible to the Francis Marion by public transportation. Information on how to obtain one of these rooms will be included in the next notification for this conference..

AUDIO/VISUAL EQUIPMENT

We will have an overhead projector, a 35-mm slide projector and flip charts available as well as a video player for the presentations during the technical sessions. Following the precedence set in previous years, we will not provide equipment for computerized slide presentations. If you have special needs or requirements other than those mentioned above, please contact Nancy Slater at Environmental Physics, Inc. (803-556-8171).

TRAVEL

Charleston is served by several major airlines including Delta, U.S. Air, Continental, Midway, Air South, and United Express. All major rental car agencies are located in the airport in Charleston. The Low Country Limo (Tel: 1-800-222-4771) provides transportation to downtown Charleston for approx. \$15. The official travel agent for this conference will be Abbott & Hill, Inc. (Tel: 1-800-535-0956). Delta Airlines will be the official carrier for the conference and is offering a conference discount which can be obtained through Abbott & Hill.

REGISTRATION

In order to encourage early registration, we are offering a special rate for those registering prior to August 1, 1997. We urge you to pre-register as early as possible.

Early registration (prior to Aug. 1, 1997)	\$110
Pre-registration (Aug. 1 - Oct. 8)	\$120
Student registration prior to Oct. 8	\$ 75
After Oct. 8 or on-site registration	\$140
Vendor exhibit (entitles 2 free registrations)	\$750

As before, the main technical sessions will be held Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Vendors will exhibit their materials on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. On Sunday evening, an informal reception will be held at Environmental Physics, Inc. Other special events include a vendor reception on Monday evening at the Francis Marion, and a vendor-sponsored luncheon on Tuesday. There will be a low-country dinner and beach party at a beach house on Sullivan's Island. A tour and/or field trip of sites of interest to the participants is being arranged for Friday — details will be in the next announcement.

MEETING SCHEDULE

	<i>Sunday</i> 9 Nov 97	<i>Monday</i> 10 Nov 97	<i>Tuesday</i> 11 Nov 97	<i>Wednesday</i> 12 Nov 97	<i>Thursday</i> 13 Nov 97
AM	Golf Outing	Workshops	Technical Sessions	Technical Sessions	Technical Sessions
Noon			Luncheon		End of Conference
PM	Workshops	Workshops	Technical Sessions	Technical Sessions	Tour/Field-trip (Friday)
Evening	Reception at EPI	Vendor Reception		Beach Party	

WORKSHOPS

We plan to limit the number of workshops so no more than 2 simultaneous sessions will be necessary. The organizers are requesting volunteers and suggestions for workshops.

VENDOR EXHIBITS

Potential vendors should contact Mr. Mike Fern of Eichrom Industries, Inc. (630-963-0320) who is acting as the vendor liaison for the meeting.

CONFERENCE CONTACTS

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Vendors: Mr. Mike Fern, Address: Eichrom Industries, 8205 S. Cass Ave, Suite 107, Darien, IL 60561; Phone: 630-963-0320; Fax: 630-963-1928; Email: mfern1409@aol.com

For additional information please see the Bioassay Home Page that has been designed and maintained by Donivan Porterfield at Los Alamos National Laboratory (Email: dporterfield@lanl.gov). The internet address is:

<http://mwanal.lanl.gov/bioassay/bioassay.html>